



2009

Trees are Terrific ... In Cities and Towns!

Dear Idaho Fifth Grade Educators,

We hope you will use all, or part, of this contest activity guide to help your fifth grade students learn more about the importance of trees growing in their community. This year's theme, "Trees are Terrific....In Cities and Towns" is designed to increase a student's understanding of how trees grow, function and benefit your community. The Arbor Day poster contest promotes environmental stewardship, and, of course, encourages participation in Arbor Day.

This year, Idaho will encourage community Tree Committees to sponsor local Arbor Day Poster Contests. The Tree Committees will work with teachers and city officials to encourage students to participate in the Arbor Day Poster Contest. Local winners will be awarded prizes, either by the Mayor and City Council, or by the volunteers who comprise the Tree Committee. Then, winning posters will be sent in to compete on a statewide level.

Education First

The National Arbor Day Foundation has developed a quality curriculum (enclosed) that will assist you in meeting the Idaho state science standards.

Awards

- Savings Bonds to the State's 1st, 2nd and 3rd place students
- \$100 for the winning classroom teachers
- Recognition at the State Arbor Day celebration in Boise
- Tree and plaque in honor of State winner at Capitol
- Idaho's winning poster will be entered in the National Contest (Idaho has had two national winners!)
- See page 21 of your brochure for the national prizes!

Guidelines

- Follow the contest guidelines included in your packet carefully (page 22)
- Posters must be original and depict the theme
"Trees are Terrific...In Cities and Towns!"
- Only one winner per school or youth group

Questions?

Contact the Idaho Poster Contest Coordinator: Gerry Bates at 208-522-5964 or gabates@cablone.net.

POSTERS ARE DUE BY: MARCH 13, 2009

Send the winning poster from your school to:

"2009 Arbor Day Poster Contest"
Idaho Department of Lands
300 N 6th St.
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0050



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